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The amendment filed on 06/13/08 canceling all examined claims and presenting only new claims drawn to an invention unrelated to the invention already examined is non-responsive. The new claims are not readable on the examined invention because the claims already examined were drawn to an isolated gene and use of said gene to treat plant diseases, while the new claims are drawn to a method of identifying a *Xanthomonas campestris* (Xcc) gene directly involved in pathogenicity using a broad host range cosmid comprising a transposon and a plurality of Xcc cells. Applicant's arguments filed 10/17/08 have been considered but are not found persuasive. While patent rules do not preclude Applicant from cancelling all pending claims and presenting new claims, there is no rule that allows Applicant to cancel all examined claims and present new claims that define an invention that is completely distinct and independent to the invention already examined. The new claims are drawn to an invention that is not examined in art unit 1638.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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